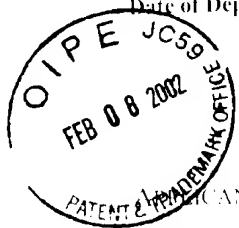


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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 21402-099 (CURA-399)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Burgess et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/939,853
EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: August 27, 2001
ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed November 5, 2001 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 5, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-099 (CURA-399). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 8, 2002


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